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SUBJ: MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR LEBANON

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1. THE GOL IS PRESSING FOR A RESPONSE TO THEIR ARMS REQUEST. WE ARE TRYING TO HOLD THEM OFF BY EXPLAINING THAT A REQ OF THAT SIZE TAKES TIME TO ANSWER SINCE USG MUST COMPILE PRECISE INFO ON AVAILABILITY, PRICE AND DELIVERY OF LARGE NUMBER ITEMS. WE ARE TREATING REQ AS SINGLE PACKAGE. WE ALSO HAVE NOTED THAT A PROGRAM SUCH AS THEY ENVISAGE TAKES HIGH LEVEL CLEARANCES IN THE US GOVT.

2. THIS LINE IS WEARING THIN AS IT IS NOW FOUR WEEKS SINCE GOL MADE URGENT REQUEST. WE REALIZE THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN REVIEWING AND RESPONDING TO A REQ OF THIS NATURE BUT WONDER IF WE COULD NOT INFORM THE LEBANESE GOVT OF THOSE ITMES WHICH CAN BE DELIVERED QUICKLY. IT WOULD OF COURSE BE PREFERABLE IF WE COULD RESPOND IN TERMS OF THE WHOLE PROGRAM BUT BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE GIVE THEM A RESPONSE CONCERNING AS MANY OF THE ITEMS AS POSSIBLE , PREFERABLY BY THE END OF THIS WEEK OR BEGINNING NEXT WEEK.
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